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EMERGENCY

IN THE SUPREME COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

LIZ VAZQUEZ, CHRIS DUKE, RANDY
ELEDGE, STEVE STRAIT, and
KATHRYN WERDAHL,

Appellants,

v.

LT. GOVERNOR NANCY
DAHLSTROM, in her official capacity as
Lt. Governor for the State of Alaska, and
MICHAELA THOMPSON, in her official
capacity as Director of the Division of
Elections,

Appellees.

JENNIE ARMSTRONG,

Intervenor.

Supreme Court No.: S- _____

Superior Court No. 3AN-22-09325 CI

EMERGENCY MOTION TO EXPEDITE APPEAL

Liz Vazquez, Chris Duke, Randy Eledge, Steve Strait, and Kathryn Werdhal (“Appellants”), by and through their counsel of record Holmes Weddle & Barcott, P.C., hereby file this emergency motion to expedite its appeal from the Superior Court filed

contemporaneously herewith. Opposing counsel has been advised that this motion is being filed and they do not oppose Appellants' proposed briefing and argument schedule described below.

I. STATEMENT OF FACTS

This appeal stems from an election dispute regarding the issue of whether Intervenor, Jennie Armstrong, is eligible to hold public office under Article II, sec. 2 of the Alaska Constitution, specifically, whether Ms. Armstrong has met the durational residency requirement for candidacy.

The Superior Court held an evidentiary hearing on December 22, 2022, and issued its findings on January 9, 2023 determining that Ms. Armstrong met the residency requirement to hold office. A decision is needed on this appeal before the 33rd Alaska Legislature convenes on January 17, 2023.

II. PROPOSED BRIEFING SCHEDULE

Appellants seek a decision in this appeal before **9:00AM on Tuesday, January 17, 2023**, which is the date the legislature is set to convene and conduct its swearing in ceremony. To meet this deadline, the parties request the following briefing and argument schedule:

- Simultaneous briefing for all parties due at 11:59 p.m. on January 11, 2023.
- Oral Argument held on January 13, 2023.

III. PARTIES

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IV. CONCLUSION

Appellants respectfully request this Court to enter an expedited schedule and issue its decision before 9:00AM on Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

DATED this 10th day of January 2023 at Anchorage, Alaska.

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